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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of:

Stuart STRICKLAND et al.

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For: METHOD FOR ITERATIVE DETERMINATION OF DISTANCE BETWEEN RECEIVING STATION AND TRANSMITTING STATION AND ALSO CALCULATING UNIT AND COMPUTER SOFTWARE PRODUCT

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Before examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

The specification as amended below with replacement paragraphs shows added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~striketrough~~.

Please REPLACE paragraph [0007] on page 2 with the following paragraph:

**[0007]** In the method according to the invention for the iterative determination of the distance between a receiving station and a transmitting station, information is received by a calculating unit via-concerning a signal from the transmitting station that is received by the receiving station, the signal being provided with a code. A number of integral multiples of the code come into the receiving station during the signal transfer time that the signal requires to travel between the transmitting station and the receiving station. During the first iteration the number of integral multiples in the code is calculated and the calculated number is used in the second iteration at least, without a fresh calculation being carried out. As a result of the fact that in the second iteration at least, a fresh calculation of the number of integral multiples is not made, the computing power required can be reduced.